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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. Congo

The situation remains unchanged. General Mobutu has moved quickly to give general approval to the policy of rapprochement with Brazzaville and other African states. He has indicated, however, that implementation of this policy will be more cautious than under the Kimba regime.

Mobutu told Ambassador Godley yesterday that it was important that there should be no sharp break with Kimba's policy in this regard.

2. Rhodesia

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3. Burundi

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4. Vietnam

US and South Vietnamese forces are pulling out of the Ia Drang Valley in western Pleiku where there has been no significant contact with the Communists for several days.

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As additional detail on the activities of this division accumulates, it becomes increasingly clear that its garrison headquarters back in Dong Hoi in southern North Vietnam is serving as a base at which composite units, drawn from various other divisions, are formed, trained, and then infiltrated into South Vietnam.

The "Front" headquarters in the south retains control of the infiltrated units. This means that the bulk of North Vietnamese regulars are no longer being split up and parceled out to encadre Viet Cong units as was once the case.

The South Vietnam Liberation Front announced today that it was releasing two US prisoners as a gesture "to respond to the people's struggle movement in the US".

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5. Dominican Republic

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